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Extended hours for halls is on trial basis

By Dwayne McClellan

Northwest Missouri State University residential halls have had their visitation hours extended due to a strong push by the Inter-Residence Council and the hall directors.

The new rule, which allows the dorms to be open for visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., was put into effect March 21. The old hours had the dorms locking up at midnight through the week and 12:30 a.m. on the weekends.

Bruce Wake, director of housing at NWMSU, credits IRC with having a positive force in the matter.

"I think that the IRC committee did a real good job," Wake said. "Everybody involved did their homework real well as they looked at each side," Wake said.

"The new hours started in the proposal committee of IRC," Wake said. They then put it before all of IRC and worked closely with the hall directors," Wake said. "They then discussed their proposals with myself and Dr. Mees before they submitted the final proposals to us."

Quad area to be lit nightly now

By Susan Patterson

The quads area, located in the center of the Northwest Missouri State University campus, will now be lighted nightly, said Dr. Robert Bush, vice president of Environmental Development Wednesday afternoon.

Complaints about the lighting problems within the quads area were raised at an Environmental Services Advisory Committee meeting last fall by Northwest students, but the problem of lighting the quads still existed as of Wednesday's interview.

"I know we've had a lot of complaints about it," said Tim Crowley, hall director at North Complex, "especially from people who live in the high rises. It's a concern of the students."

At this point we're considering it on a trial basis and each dorm has a choice of accepting it or changing it," Wake said.

Most of the dorms are going with the plan...with Hudson, Millikan, Perrin and Roberta deriving another form.

In Millikan, hall director Becky Shaver said that the girls' privacy was the main reason for their changing of the hours.

"We will have extended hours only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights," Shaver said. "Those nights were decided upon by the girls. Thursday nights a lot of girls come in late, and Friday and Saturday are weekends. Also, the girls wanted their privacy, and I don't think that it will cause any problems," Shaver said.

In both Roberta and Perrin, the hall staffs decided to have the extended hours only on the weekends. During the week, the hours will be to midnight just like normal.

"In talking with the staff, we thought that, if there were going to be guys around, that we might have problems,"

said Linda Smith, Roberta and Perrin hall director. "Sometimes if they were there till one, then they might be there all night. But I don't think that we will have any problems," Smith said.

Hudson Hall is set up with the open hours till 1 a.m. on the weekends due to lack of funding, but they are in the process of setting it up through the week.

"The reason that we are going on the weekends only is because we don't have the money to keep the desk open the extra hour through the week," said Terry Long, Hudson hall director. "At the first of the year, each hall was awarded \$ amount of dollars and some of the halls, through the way the desks were open were able to save and be able to keep their desks open, but we couldn't," Long said.

"But after talking with Bruce Wake, I think that we can work it out and hopefully before long we can stay open until 1 a.m.," Long said.

Dieterich, Frank, North and South Complex as well as Phillips have decided to go along with the idea as it tends to

give the students a little bit more responsibility.

"In terms of our hall, I don't foresee any problems," said Dennis Lynch, Dieterich hall director. "It will give the students a chance to prove themselves as being mature enough to handle it," Lynch said.

Another idea going through the mind of many hall directors and RA's is the idea of 24-hour open visitation, but that is an idea that is far off into the future.

"The chance right now for 24-hour visitation isn't good," Lynch said. "Maybe sometime in the future, but with the way the legislature is allocating the money things don't look favorable for a while. We would have to keep the desk open and we just don't have the money," Lynch said.

"I hate to see it," Shaver said. "If there are any problems it will be up to the students, but I don't see this happening at Northwest for a while," Shaver said.

lighting situation within the quads area is to have Campus Safety officers turn on the porch and wall lights each evening.

"What lights are turned on on buildings, we do," said Jill Harrington, Director of Campus Safety.

While this system won't provide an abundant amount of light to the area, at least the lights already installed will be utilized.

The purpose of lighting is for student safety and pedestrian protection, Bush said.

Bush estimates it would take about \$500 to install a large telephone pole light. The smaller mushroom lights would be slightly cheaper.

That doesn't include the cost of paying for the light bill though, Bush said.

"Right now there is really no money available to purchase new lights or timers," Wake said. "There are no present plans of adding lighting."

Bush explained that money for installing new lights in the quads area would not come from state or local funds. It would come from the auxiliary money, which Northwest students supply when paying for their dorm rooms, activity tickets, etc., Bush said.

"There's no cut-and-dried amount set aside for lighting with the auxiliary money," Wake said.

Weather produces damaging winds; could have been tornado

By Mike Crawford

At 5 a.m. Friday a severe thunder storm moved through the Maryville area leaving in its path \$50,000 in damage to the city's airport and causing minor damage on the campus of NWMSU.

The storm had winds that some say were just strong winds, while others claim it was a tornado. "The winds were not verified as a tornado, but there is about a 90 percent chance it was a tornado," said Jill Hogue, deputy sheriff.

Maryville citizens, including NWMSU residents, were not warned of the approaching storm. A story which appeared in the Friday's edition of the *Daily Forum* has Larry Jackson, Director of Maryville public safety, explaining that the city's sirens did not sound because the National Weather Service only spotted thunderstorms in the Maryville area and, when the storm did hit, it was too late to sound the sirens.

The University campus is equipped with several city sirens that are connected to the safety department. "As soon as the Public Safety office has information of severe weather they notify

the Campus Safety Office," said Jill Harrington, Campus Safety Director. "We then in turn notify the hall directors who in turn make all-call warning the residents."

The only dorm on campus to exercise tornado procedures was Hudson Hall. "When the wind woke me up, I found several R.A.s getting residents up and following the tornado procedures," said Terry Long, Hudson Hall director. "The storm really was beneficial to us, we learned that a lot of girls do not know where to go or what to do. This will help us be better prepared if there is a next time."

The damage at the airport was concentrated on the north hanger's roof, said Ray Humert, City Manager. "There were several trees down as well as roof damage at the milk plant near campus and at the Sears building. Also several signs and windows were damaged in town."

Campus damage included tree limbs down, a bat cage was blown over a fence and fence damage at the new tennis courts. Also several students' car windows were blown out.

Faculty Senate makes plans for salary increases

By Helen Leeper

The Budget Planning Development Committee of the Faculty Senate has developed a three-part proposal for cutting costs at Northwest while maintaining proposed salary increases for the coming school year.

"All that's going on is a discussion of the plan," said Pat Van Dyke, professor of English. "The plan was taken from a committee discussion and will be discussed by the Senate at the meeting April 7."

The three levels of the plan include: 1. Cutting guidelines for the administration in case of critical financial conditions. 2. Administration phaseback goals that in-

clude a consolidation of administrative positions and a new pay system for faculty members moving into administrative positions. 3. This phase has two levels that aim at eliminating divisional levels of administration and reorganization into positions of one vice-president of academic affairs with two assistant vice-presidents or an academic vice-president with a dean of Graduate and Continuing Education; a dean of Vocations and Professions and a dean of Arts of Sciences.

"This is only a beginning of how to fund the program at the current levels," said Van Dyke.

Car thefts occur, causes concern for Safety

By Jon Misfeldt

The Northwest Missouri State University campus has experienced as many as six thefts from autos parked in lot 26 and many more may have occurred but have gone unreported, said Jill Harrington, Director of Campus Safety.

So far, every theft has been from lot 26, which is the lot just west of Garrett Strong and north of the new library construction site, said Harrington. She sees the probable reason as the fact that they've all been in the same area.

"Even though the area is well lit, it is accessible on foot. With the construction on one side along with all the brush and mounds of dirt, the cruising Campus Safety cars can't see, even with the flood light," Harrington said.

"But, along with the problems of the thefts, another problem arises," Harrington said. "The students who have been 'ripped-off' want to take things into their own hands and play detective." Harrington warned that the victims shouldn't rummage through their car for fear of obliterating any evidence.

"One student found footprints on his hood but wiped them off, then he told us about it a while later," Harrington said.

Harrington said that the students shouldn't go through the car, instead keep it locked and report the incident

first. Harrington said that the Maryville Public Safety officers are also alerted on the thefts and reports and have been very cooperative in an attempt to halt the thefts.

So far, all of the items stolen are those of some value that can be resold, such as tape decks, amplifiers, tapes and other stereo equipment. Harrington said that precautions should be taken.

"I'm not saying that it's happened here, but it could. When some students find out that their friend got a good amount of money back from their insurance, they may be inclined to work out a scheme for their own property," said Harrington.

Harrington said that there's been no sign of this here, but it is a possibility. She warns the students about this because insurance companies consider this a violation of fraud, with a very serious punishment.

Harrington said that, so far, the students with the problems have been very cooperative in seeing that Campus Safety is doing all they can. Two patrol cars are on duty every night, along with the Maryville officers who cruise the area from time to time.

"It's to all the student body's advantage to help one another," Harrington said. "We need all the help we can get."

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Cheerleader tryouts set

Tryouts for the 1982-83 varsity cheerleading squad will be held March 31 in the Horace Mann Gymnasium at 3 p.m.

To qualify for the tryouts a person must have a grade point average of 2.0. A person cannot be on scholastic probation either.

The 13 recipients that are chosen will each receive a scholarship and a P.E. credit.

Application blanks must be filled out by March 31.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office.

TKES to hold bike ride

The Delta Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon is sponsoring a bike ride to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The ride will be held April 17th.

Participants will be asking Maryville citizens to sponsor them by pledging a contribution to St. Jude Hospital, said chairman Mark Withar.

"There is only one research center in the world that is completely and solely dedicated to conquering childhood cancer and other terrible diseases of children," Withar said. "That place is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital."

Debate team wins five

Northwest's debate team won five and lost three in the preliminaries at the National Junior Division Championships held March 19 through 21 at Johnson County Community College in Kansas City, said Dr. Roy Leeper, debate coach.

The wins were over Nebraska Wesleyan, Central State of Oklahoma, Kansas University, Henderson State and McAlister State. Northwest lost to Amarillo, McAlister and Emporia.

"In the finals, Northwest had a win over McAlister and in the quarter finals we lost to another McAlister team," said Leeper.

Individually in the debate, Scott Ahrens was third speaker in the tournament and Steve Rush was fifth.

Annual swim show scheduled

The Sigma Phi Dolphin Swim Club at Northwest Missouri State University will present its annual swim show, *Color Me A Picture*, at 7:30 p.m. March 31 and April 1 and 2 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, in the new Robert Foster Aquatic Center north of Martindale Gymnasium.

The Dolphins write their own routines, which usually portrays various moods through music, interpretive swimming, costumes and lighting.

Tickets for the show are \$.75 in advance. Tickets can also be purchased from a Sigma Phi Dolphin member or at the Martindale office.

Greek week slated for April

April 12 through 16 will be Greek Week for the Northwest Missouri State University campus, said Sue Barie, Panhellenic president.

An all Greek sing, to be held under the bell tower, is planned for Monday. Each fraternity and sorority will prepare a song. Tuesday is Educational Day. Missouri legislative member Everett Brown will be a guest speaker that day also.

All of the Greeks will help to run a Special Olympics competition on Wednesday. Later that day the Greeks will play a form of the Family Feud game. Thursday the fraternities will hold boxing matches to raise money for the United Way campaign.

More games will be held on Friday, and sometime during the week an all Greek dance will be held.

"Greek week is to promote Greek unity," said Annette Lowman, coordinator of residential life and panhellenic sponsor. "So often Greeks have to compete for pledges, trophies and during intramurals."

"Greek week is philanthropic because of the United Way boxing and the Special Olympics," Lowman said. "It is educational because of Everett Brown's talk and it is also a social thing."

Wegner and Baker gain tenure

Two faculty members were granted tenure, five faculty members were promoted in academic rank, and one was named a division head at the last meeting of the Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents.

Tenure was granted to Dr. Gary Wegner, assistant professor of elementary and special education, and Dr. John Baker, assistant professor and chairman of the Department of Finance.

Faculty members promoted were Dr. Leland May to professor of English and Dr. Merry McDonald to professor of computer science.

Promoted to associate professor was Dr. David Bauman, who's the director of reading and special education.

Promoted to assistant professors were Susan Gille, who directs the nursing department, and Ernest Woodruff, the assistant director of bands.

Dr. James Herauf was named head of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Herauf has served as the acting head of that division for the past year.

Blood mobile to visit campus

The bloodmobile will be in the Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, March 29.

Anyone who has not donated blood within the last eight weeks is eligible.

There will be a contest for the organization that has the largest percentage of members participating in the donation.

A person is required to eat something a couple of hours before donating to prevent getting sick.

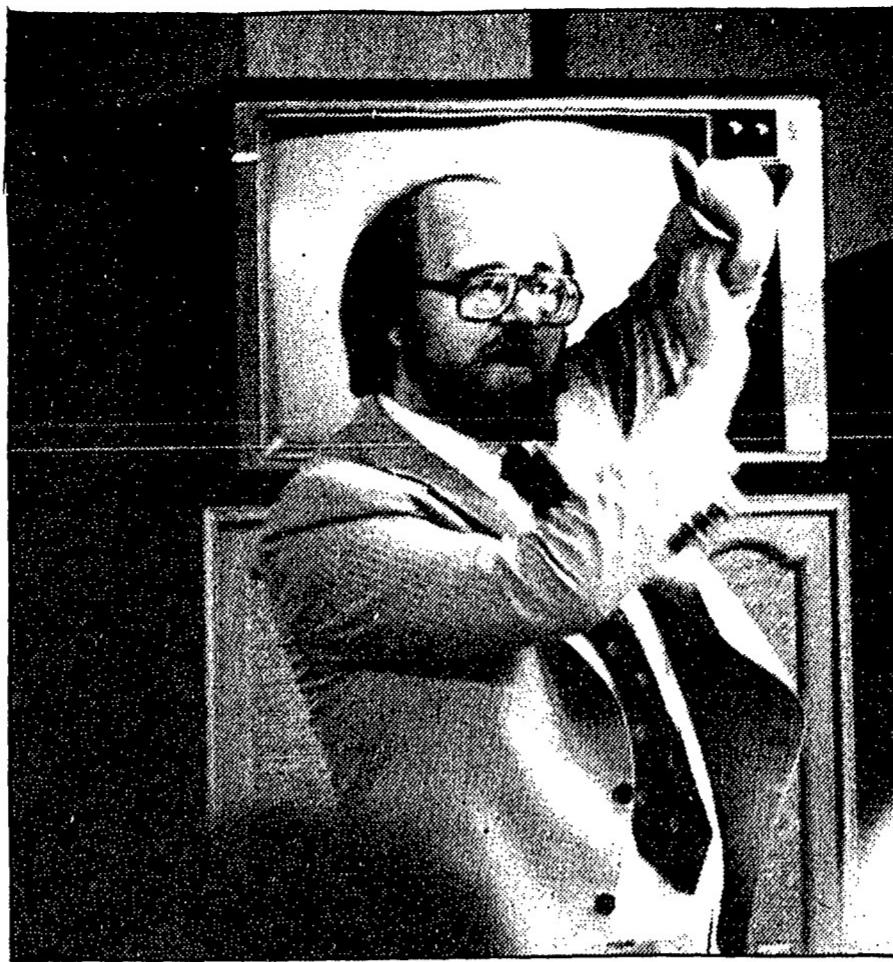
Scholarship winners announced

The foreign language division has announced scholarship winners in the foreign language area, said John Walker, assistant professor of French.

The Mary Jackson Foreign Language Scholarships were awarded to Kim McAndrews, Clarinda, Iowa, in Spanish and Robin Clarke of Norwalk, Iowa, in French. Each one received a \$200 scholarship.

A Joyce and Harvey White Scholarship in French, honoring Elaine Mauzy, former Foreign Language Chairman, was awarded to Sandra Shellberg of Stanton, Iowa, for \$500.

Maryville high school students who won freshman scholarships at Northwest by exam competition are Rena Peters in Spanish and Joe Marfice in French. Peters and Marfice each received a \$200 scholarship.



Reporting the scene

Fred Wickman discusses the Hyatt Regency tragedy with broadcasting and journalism students last week. Wickman presented slides and commentary on the hotel disaster and its aftermath. [Missourian Photo/Nic Carlson]

Philharmonic to present campus concert

By Mike Crawford

The Kansas City Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra will be presenting a concert March 30 at 8 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

The concert is being sponsored by the University's Performing Arts Committee.

"We have not had a symphony orchestra concert in a couple of years, so it is quite an event," said David Bahneman, Chairman of the Performing Arts Committee.

The concert is being funded by a major grant from the Missouri Arts Council.

The forty-member chamber orchestra will be under the direction of Marc Gottlieb, principal assistant conductor and principal concertmaster of the Kansas City Philharmonic.

A member of the Kansas City Philharmonic for nine years, Gottlieb made his New York debut in Town Hall and shortly thereafter became founder and leader of the internationally famous

Claremont Quartet. During the past 18 years, his career has spanned the entire spectrum of international concertizing, conducting, academia and recording.

As concertmaster, conductor and soloist, Gottlieb's numerous concert tours have taken him to all parts of the world including Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Latin America.

He has participated in the Casals and Marlboro Festivals, the Inter-American and Vancouver, Chigiana and American Music Festival in Rome and is currently head of the string department at the California Music Center.

With the Philharmonic facing a near cancelled season because of financial problems, "this would be a good time to support the orchestra," said Bahneman. "This is a unique opportunity."

Tickets are available at the J.W. Jones Union Office. Tickets are \$1 for Northwest students with activity tickets, \$2 for students and \$4 for adults.

"Try to get the tickets early," said Bahneman.

Aviation program changes sponsors

By Kim Jones

The aviation program, which previously had been offered at Northwest through the science department, will now be offered through the Industrial Arts Department, said Dr. Herman Collins, professor of industrial arts at Northwest.

There are two courses offered for the program. The first is private pilot I, which is the ground school training needed in order to qualify for the Federal Aviation Private Pilot Examination. Qualification includes 10 hours of flight time up to solo, which is offered in this course.

The second course is a continuation of the first with flight training to complete the flying requirements for a license. The requirements are to complete 35 hours of flight instruction.

The aviation program was first started here on campus in 1940 prior to World War II. "The program was started by

the government as a civil pilot training program," said Joe Rankin, owner of Rankin Aircraft. "The government paid for the flight training and ground school, and the student would serve in the military service after graduation. The original coordinator was Norvel Sayler," he said.

"The program was again started in 1969 by myself and Mr. and Mrs. Rankin at the Maryville Airport," said Dr. Robert Bush, vice president for environmental affairs. "In 1970, Dr. Carpenter took over the program and then, in 1972, I took over again," he said.

The Industrial Arts Department will officially take over the program this fall. "Due to enrollment changes, the move was made," said Dr. Bruce Parmalee, associate professor of industrial arts at Northwest, who will be the new coordinator of the program.

"Classes will be held in the Valk Industrial Arts building with flight lessons from Rankin Airport," said Parmalee. "The flight classes are in two phases. The first is ground school instruction. This gets you up for your license. You learn navigation, how the controls function, Federal Aviation Administration regulations, etc., etc.," he said.

"Mrs. Rankin, who is a certified instructor, will teach this," Parmalee said. The flight part will be taught by Joe Rankin and their son, Kevin," he said.

The course is designed for visual flight rules. This is when a person is able to see where he is going, Parmalee explained.

"In the future, we'd like to put in instrument flight regulations, which would allow you to fly in the clouds, and also commercial flight, which would allow you to fly for hire," said Parmalee.

The course would enroll possibly up to 25 students. The cost will vary depending on which plane a student uses and whether the student flies solo or dual.

"The Rankins have two airplanes they use. One is a Cessna 150, and the other one is a Cherokee 180," said Parmalee. "The cost per hour for the Cessna is \$21 solo and \$27 for dual. For the Cherokee, it is \$26 solo and \$32 dual," he said.

Parmalee also said the charge for the ground school is \$50, but this includes books, plotters and a computer, which is like a slide rule.

"You're required to fly 10 hours," said Parmalee. "The maximum cost for the Cessna, for example, flying dual for 10 lessons plus the \$50 ground school charge would be \$320," he said.

"This is a good deal," Parmalee said. "It could cost between \$1000 to \$1200 to get a license here, whereas it would cost \$1900 to \$2500 to get a license at a large airport. It's well worth the money," he said.

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Cooperation needed for communication

It would nice if the university administration and students could work together on matters without the student getting an overall run-around from the university.

A relatively simple question was raised recently concerning the quads area and the possibility of them being lit at night for the students' safety.

This sounds like a simple question so it must have a simple answer. But unfortunately one of our reporters assigned to find the answer ended up running from one administrative office to the next, only to be sent back to the other. In an effort to help students by ratifying a situation, more problems occurred in trying to find somebody that would cooperate than solving the problem itself. Why is there so much hassle trying to find an answer to a question or get something done on campus?

Surely the university doesn't have anything to hide from the students, so why the "send them through the red tape" routine? Also the question of lighting in the quads had been brought up last fall. Could it be that the "paperwork" had gotten lost?

On a subject as important as the safety of NWMSU students, there is no acceptable alibi or excuse.

Perhaps the university administration needs to open its eyes and realize that the students aren't the "enemy". Students have the right to know circumstances that involve them and shouldn't have to be subjected to the "passing of the buck" among administrators.

Letters to the Editor

Students are ashamed of concert disruptions

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to comment on the disgusting behavior of many of the students who attended the Jimmy Spheeris-Atlanta Rhythm Section concert last Thursday night.

This group of obnoxious, immature people, who felt obliged to show their anxiousness for the main act by jeering, clapping and other disruptions, not only spoiled the show for those who had come to see Spheeris, but made us ashamed to be called their fellow students.

Who do they think they are? Respect to a performer is a simple social rule that

apparently many of Northwest's students can't grasp. This not only reflects the cultural vacuum, in which they function, but also does nothing for the University's image as an institution of "higher-learning" and education. The school extracts \$5.00 for each student (plus one-dollar more for the concert) and the myopic riff-raff here at Northwest manage to screw up what could have been a good concert for everyone. But maybe it should have come as no surprise to many of us who have to associate with this same group of people everyday.

Shane P. Abel
Carol E. Sandy
Steve Dass

NWMSU audience reputation is questioned

Dear Editor:

The students of Northwest Missouri State University were fortunate enough to get Jimmy Spheeris and the Atlanta Rhythm Section band for a concert last week.

Both groups performed to an audience of around 1,600 students, which was even less than the number of people who showed up for the Pablo Cruise last semester.

I feel the conduct of the students, when Jimmy Spheeris played, was indicative of a bunch of small town rowdies. If a person doesn't like the type of music that a performer is playing,

there are other ways of showing disapproval, like not clapping after he is done with a song or going out into the lobby.

This is a little more polite and it doesn't give the performer the impression that he is playing to a bunch of small town rowdies. Reputations of an area spread from performer to performer, and after the last concert, I wonder what our reputation is?

Sincerely,
Mark Withee

Student files complaints against administration

Dear Editor:

During the 1981-82 academic year, a trend has developed which has come to the attention of nearly every student on campus: the administration is not to be bothered with the needs and concerns of Northwest students.

Several cases in point:

1. For nearly a month, a three-inch thick layer of ice covered campus sidewalks, but despite numerous student appeals, nothing was done. The administration did not consider it a "serious matter" despite several major injuries and countless minor ones.
2. It now takes a week to have a transcript request processed at the Registrar's Office. Personally, this has hampered my law school admissions process and jeopardized my opportunity to sit for the CPA exam in May.
3. Northwest students have been subjected to another winter of cold showers in the morning. One could expect tem-

porary breakdowns of this nature, but such a problem on a permanent basis with no visible effort to correct it is inexcusable.

4. I have reason to believe that, while students are eating the hideously poor ARA meals, heavy losses from the elitist University Club are being absorbed by student payments.

Such actions, or inactions, by the administration have prompted me to file complaints to the Board of Regents, the state legislature and the governor's office. Any business should treat \$2,500 a year customers with much more respect than we are being given. Such policies show a lack of concern for the welfare of the students that should not go unnoticed.

Trenton D. Hampton,
224 Dieterich Hall

Comments on ARA food

Dear Editor:

As a disappointed customer of our infamous food service, ARA, I would like to point out a case in which they were trying to get all of the extra mileage out of our money that they can.

On March 18th, the poor people who had no alternative had to choose between leftovers and a sorry concoction of spaghetti. It is bad enough to pay for poor food and service, but leftovers are

ridiculous. I found it does no good to complain to the director of ARA because all he says is that we can have our money back instead of trying to defend the problems of ARA.

This should cause some kind of reply from ARA, but the unhappy customers know what I'm referring to.

Rod Bolton
323A Dieterich Hall

San Salvador: Another Foreign police action

By Deb Cowden

Turmoil in San Salvador has many Americans wondering if the situation could possibly turn into another Vietnam.

A nationwide poll reported to the Associated Press by the Los Angeles Times and Cable News Network reported that, out of the 1,503 people surveyed, 27 percent thought it "very likely" that U.S. aid to El Salvador would proceed the same way Vietnam did. Twenty-nine percent said it was "somewhat likely," and 16 percent said it was "very likely."

Results of the poll show that many Americans believe the situation in El Salvador could become another Vietnam. Dr. Richard Fulton, professor of political science, said he doesn't think the El Salvador situation will result in another Vietnam. Fulton said, with San Salvador being a very small country, if the U.S. did go to war, our army is very large and would be efficient. Fulton said around two million people are already involved in the military, so people shouldn't have to be drafted.

Randy Hulett, a sophomore physical education major, said, "If things keep going the way they are I think the draft could be reinstated, but we probably won't need it. A lot of people are voluntarily joining the service."

Dr. Don Crowley, assistant professor of the political science department, said he is not sure if the draft would be reinstated because of the El Salvador situation. Crowley feels that there is a lot of American opposition to the draft. "There might be a proposal for the draft in the next couple of years," said Crowley.

Tom Braun, a junior English major, said, "It would be foolish in this point of time to reinstate the draft due to nuclear capabilities of intervening countries." Braun says he is up in the air as to

whether or not the U.S. will go to war, but he thinks there is a strong possibility that the situation could result in a war similar to Vietnam.

Crowley said he is not expecting the U.S. to go to war, since El Salvador wants mainly U.S. military aid and advisory teams. Crowley also points out that this is the same way the Vietnam situation started.

Fulton said the U.S. is trying to keep unfriendly governments from taking over Central American countries.

The situation is dangerous, especially for outsiders. Last week four Dutch TV newsmen were killed when they left San Salvador to report the guerrilla side of El Salvador's war.

There is no clear cut solution to the problem in El Salvador. Fulton said the election that is to take place Sunday, April 4, will not solve the problem when people are fighting. There should be a political solution to the problem. Crowley feels that the election will take place, but since the ballot contains no leftists it is hard to see what the purpose of the election really will be.

In another poll reported to the Associated Press that was conducted by the Times, six percent of those polled favored sending U.S. troops to El Salvador. Twenty-five percent said the Reagan administration should persuade the Salvadoran government to negotiate with leftist guerrillas. Twenty-five percent want to stop all support to the El Salvador government, and 18 percent said the U.S. should continue the current level of support to El Salvador.

It is clear that most Americans don't want to become involved in another war. A poll conducted by the New York Times and CBS reported that 63 percent of the respondents said "stay out" when asked what action the U.S. should take in El Salvador.

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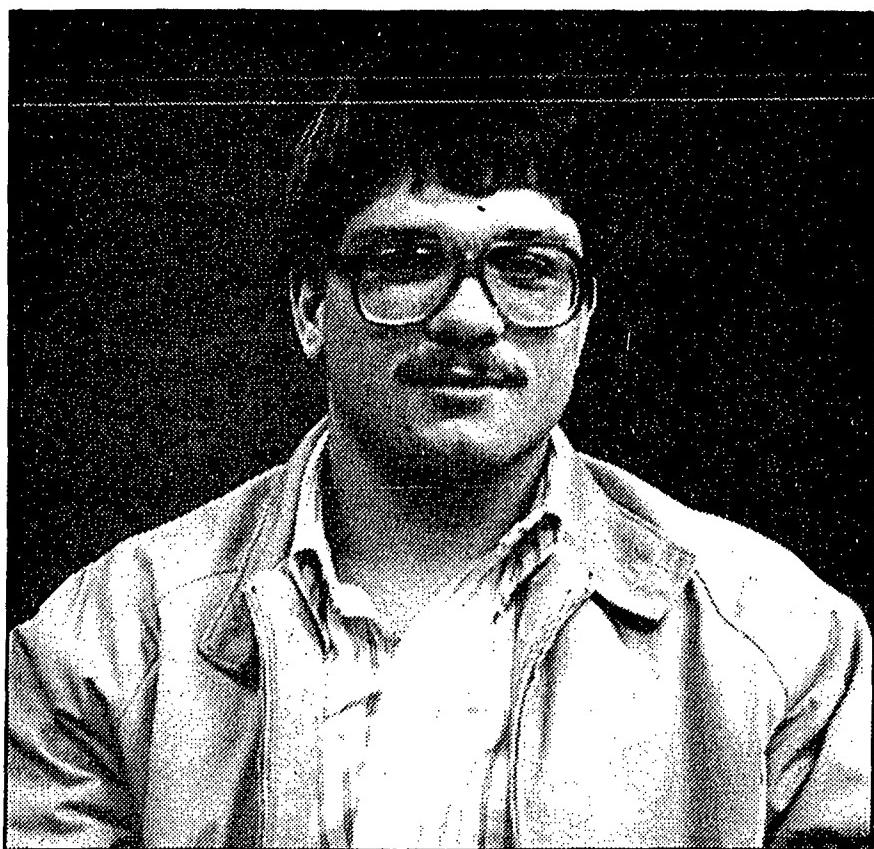
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Andy Marty recently returned from a trip with his father to the Soviet Union where he saw America through Russian eyes. [Missourian Photo/Nic Carlson]

Job availability is questioned

By Deb Cowden

After four years of college study, many seniors wonder if jobs will be available in the area of study they have chosen.

Marvin Silliman, Northwest Missouri State University Director of Placement, said jobs are becoming tougher to find, but they are there. The first job a student gets may not be the exact job that was envisioned over the years, but it is a start toward building a career, said Silliman.

Darla Fisher, a senior marketing major, said, "I don't anticipate getting a job in my field when I graduate. I could probably get a job in the sales end of my major, but that's not really what I want. I want something more in the actual marketing research and development, and that's where most businesses cut back." Fisher said she will spend a month after graduation searching for a job related to her major. After a month of research, Fisher said she will take the job that is available, even if it isn't in her major area.

There are fewer companies interviewing at the university than in previous years, but companies wouldn't waste their time and money if jobs weren't available, he said. The majority of interviews at NWMSU are in the field of education and business and industry.

In education, areas of vocational agriculture, vocational home economics, math and science are in nationwide demand. Silliman said the declining number of students enrolled in education in the seventies may have been the cause of the teacher shortages in these areas.

Ken Siverly, a senior agriculture/business major, said, "The job market doesn't look too promising. It's going to be rough. People will have to sell their personality rather than their qualifications. A degree helps get your foot in the door and then you have to sell yourself after that."

There are many different ways to start searching for a job. In a 1977 report from the Department of Labor,

Marty visits Russia during break

By Mike Crawford

Spring break wasn't the typical break for Andy Marty, as he accompanied his father on a business trip to Russia.

The trip began Friday, March 5, when the Martys left the New York airport bound for Paris, a one-day stop on the six-day excursion.

While in Paris, Marty visited the American College at Paris, where he plans to attend summer school. "Paris is similar to America as far as the people and economy is concerned," said Marty.

Moscow was the Russian destination and greeted Marty differently than expected. "It was a lot better than I expected. The propaganda here makes it sound a lot worse than it actually is."

The picture that is painted of Russian people is fairly accurate, said Marty. "The people look unhappy and dress in dark colors and even wear the fur hats."

Economically, the country appears to be fairly sound. "There isn't any unemployment because everyone works for the government, so everyone has a job."

The hotel the Martys stayed at was two blocks from the Red Square and was typical of Russia. "The rooms had 15 foot high ceilings. The beds were very

similar to the ones in the dorms, but did not have the springs, they just laid on boards."

Russia is experiencing food problems because of its lack of agriculture. "There were lines in front of grocery stores. They are having semi-rations," he said. The meals that were served in the hotel restaurant consisted mainly of chicken and fish. "We could usually have breakfast and, for the two of us, it cost \$3 to \$4."

The Martys were phoned each night at around midnight to see if they were in and their phone line was listened in on. "The line was always listened in on and all the people we met talked English. The people we did meet we were supposed to meet."

Like in America, Russia has propaganda that makes Russians look upon Americans as bad guys. "The papers had a lot of propaganda on American involvement in El Salvador," Marty said. "One paper reported that El Salvadorian soldiers were being trained in Georgia."

While there, Marty attended two ballets. "The ballet tickets cost us \$3

and \$4. We got good seats because they want visitors to feel good about Russia."

"Russia, like America, has restricted areas where visitors aren't allowed to go. But other than that, you could go anywhere you wanted to," said Marty. Russians though, don't have that much freedom in their own country. "Russian citizens need to have a special pass to go from state to state."

Cars are a scarce commodity in Russia. "There are very few privately owned cars. There are, though, roads that are about eight lanes wide," said Marty. "Most people walk, take the bus or the subway."

Housing also is different overseas. "Most Russians live in large apartment buildings. The city has been destroyed so many times that they were easy to build back," he said.

A return trip to Russia is unlikely for Marty. "The relations are getting worse. It's very impressive, but has no tourist value. I liked getting to see the other side of the story."

Blue Key honors men

Blue Key Honorary Fraternity has selected Mark Yager, senior from Oak Forest, Illinois, as its Man of the Month for March.

Yager was cited for his outstanding basketball prowess. He has the career assist record at Northwest, is the fifth all-time Bearcat scorer and holds the "iron-man" distinction of performing in 106 consecutive games which is also another school record.

Known mostly for his defense, Yager, Bearcat co-captain, always held the opponents' top scorer well below his average. He was also voted Bearcat defensive player of the year and won the MIAA player of the week award.

The spring initiates in Blue Key are: Rob Bolin, St. Joseph, Missouri; Dave Mercer, Grant City, Missouri; Keith Button, Independence, Missouri, and Mark Revis, Platte City, Missouri,



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Entertainment

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(Above) The Atlanta Rhythm Section rocked Lamkin Gymnasium last Thursday in front of a crowd of 13,000. (Left) Ronnie Hammond handled the vocals for the group.



Top ten

1. I LOVE ROCK 'N' ROLL -- Joan Jett and the Blackhearts
2. THAT GIRL -- Stevie Wonder
3. CENTERFOLD -- The J. Geils Band
4. WE GOT THE BEAT -- Go-Go's
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6. MAKE A MOVE ON ME -- Olivia Newton-John
7. PAC-MAN FEVER -- Buckner and Garcia
8. SHAKE IT UP -- The Cars
9. MAIN THEME FROM "CHARIOTS OF FIRE" -- Vangelis
10. KEY LARGO -- Bertie Higgins

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Phi Mu Second Annual Skating Party for Project Hope - 7 till 9 p.m. - Skate Country Roller Rink

Wed. - SHEA Variety Show - 7 p.m. - CJT
IRC Meeting - 5:15 p.m. - Sycamore Room

ARS brings rise in crowd

By Cristy Claunch

The Atlanta Rhythm Section was the star attraction Thursday at the Student Union Board-sponsored spring concert. Guitar and keyboard soloist Jimmy Spheeris opened for the band.

ARS opened their act with the popular foot stomping "Champagne Jam." The floor crowd immediately jumped to their feet and remained standing for the rest of the concert.

Lead singer Ronnie Hammond shook hands with fans in the front rows and passed around the cup he was drinking from. He thanked the audience several times for their attention and remarked that Northwest had some of the prettiest women they had seen.

The band played a wide selection of their many hits, including their last single, "Alien." They picked up and rocked the audience with "Home City," and did some good jamming on their successful remake of "Spooky."

The pace of the concert built as shouts came from the audience wanting "Imaginary Lover." The band instantly responded and gave the crowd what they wanted. The last strains of "Imaginary Lover" went right into the first chords of "So Into You."

The crowd response was generally good for ARS and the band returned to play a few more songs after they initially left the stage.

The crowd reaction to Jimmy Spheeris was not so good. The soloist played for forty minutes in front of a rude, taunting crowd. Spheeris, at one point, stopped and bluntly told the audience to leave to the lobby instead of disrupting his music.

Unfortunately, the less-appreciating members of the audience paid no heed.

The slender, bearded performer played eight selections of his poetry set to music. He played his guitar and the keyboards, and on many songs was accompanied by a pre-recorded tape.

Spheeris commented on the beauty of the Midwest and then played "Dorothy's Lament." One of his most interesting songs was accompanied by the sounds of what seemed to be shooting stars. He said the song was based on the Eastern legend of "good" great beings who are supposed to return to the earth.

Spheeris left the audience with "In Your Eyes," a gentle love song played with a soft keyboard accompaniment. He said it was a special song to him. However, some audience members disrupted the song by clapping loudly, as if to some disco tune, and shouting for him to leave the stage. Spheeris simply said he thought they had the wrong rhythm.

Book review

Nuclear war is topic of book

By Eric Bullock

The danger of nuclear war is given a sober and frightening presentation in *The Hundredth Monkey* by Ken Keys. This short book gives a number of upsetting facts about the world's trend toward nuclear war.

The incredible build-up of nuclear weapons has grown to the level where we can now bomb every major city in the world seven times. With this massive stockpile, an accident would be catastrophic to humanity. There already have been near accidents by the U.S. and Soviet Union; plutonium bombs dropped on Spain that luckily did not detonate, nuclear submarines and planes carrying nuclear weapons crashed or dropped their weapons. "So far we have been lucky," says Keys.

The book discusses the chances of survival in the event of a nuclear war,

"Anyone near a nuclear explosion would be incinerated. Bomb shelters wouldn't help. They would be crematoriums, according to Keys. If someone survives the blast and receives a dose of 400 rems of radiation, he/she would die within two weeks of bleeding or infection, as the radiation would stop his/her white blood cells and platelets from functioning. People who received smaller doses would stand a good chance of developing leukemia in five years, and their children could very likely be deformed."

Keys asks in his book, "What right have we to burden future generations with this ever-increasing threat to their well-being?"

The Hundredth Monkey is a very short book with large print and can be read in a couple of hours. Keys has not bothered to copyright the book and invites anyone to copy or use any part of it to spread his message.

The Hundredth Monkey is an attempt to spread awareness of the dangers of the nuclear age. If enough people become aware, says Keys, then we can stop the nuclear insanity. To add to our awareness, Keys tells us where we can write for government reports and private organizations that are working to prevent a nuclear war.

The Hundredth Monkey is a frightening book that opens one's eyes to the very near danger of the nuclear age. As Keys says toward the end, "Our choice is clear: A nonnuclear future or none at all!!!"

Ken Keys is a successful writer whose books total over a million copies. His other works include: *How to Make Your Life Work or Why Aren't You Happy?* and *Prescriptions for Happiness*.



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Sports

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Softball team is under new coach

By Mary Sanchez

Battling under their new coach, Gayla Eckhoff, the Bearkitten softball squad will swing against Missouri Southern at Joplin Thursday at 3 p.m.

As the new coach, Eckhoff is taking a step up from the high ranks where she coached softball for six years.

Eckhoff is not totally new to NWMSU though, "I was the assistant basketball coach, so I already knew a lot of the girls," she said.

Also coaching at the Bearkitten practices will be graduate assistant Lisa Phipps.

Coaching the Joplin team will be NWMSU alum Pat Lipira. During her days at Maryville, Lipira played softball for the Northwest jersey.

Eleven of the twenty-two are returning letterwinners from last season.

Deb Cleveland will be pitching for Northwest, and returning Cleveland's throws will be catcher Carol Wonder.

The position of shortstop will be held by Teresa Gumm. Lisa Hatcher will see action in the Bearkitten outfield.

Other valuable team members sighted by Eckhoff were Shelly Lewis, Cathy Schultz and Keri Gorsuch.

One of Eckhoff's future goals is to win state and then advance onto regional contests.

Eckhoff plans to "teach the girls things that will help them in the future. I want them to learn how to handle bad experiences, such as losing. We practice to win, but we also understand defeat," she said.

The idea of coaching at a university larger than Northwest did not seem too appealing to Eckhoff. "I wouldn't want to coach at a larger university if I had to sacrifice my principles to do it," she said.

"I wouldn't want to be in a dog eat dog atmosphere where kids are pushed to win, win, win," Eckhoff said.

"I want them to enjoy athletics but it's understood when they walk in that they will work hard," she said.

This weekend Eckhoff will take her team to Kansas where they will compete on March 26 and 27 during the Pittsburg State Tournament.

In their season opener, the 'Kittens' swept visiting Tarkio College off the field 7-1, 6-1, Tuesday at Beal Park.

Gorsuch's pitching in the second game was a pleasant surprise for Eckhoff. "She had never pitched that hard in practice before," said Eckhoff.

Gorsuch took the mound after senior Cleveland handled the first game. Assisting in holding Tarkio to one point in the second game was Lewis' pitching.

Comments from Eckhoff on her team's performance were, "I was pleased with everybody."

Track team falls to Lincoln in meet

By Mary Sanchez

Losing their first meet of the season, the Bearcat track team opened their outdoor season by losing to Lincoln University Monday.

The 'Cats' score of 61 points placed them second behind LU's 73 points. Mankato State University placed third with 32 points and Central Missouri State University placed fourth with 28 points.

"This was the poorest overall team performance we have had during the past two years. I hope this is not an indication of our outdoor season," said head track coach Richard Flanagan.

Jim Ryan won the steeple chase in 9:10.2, a time which qualifies him for

the NCAA Division II Nationals. Ryan also placed second in the 5,000 meter run. Following him to the tape was Mike Still with third place while Greg Frost captured 4th place.

During the relay event's Northwest's team of McCrary, Larry Stillman, Eugene Stillman and Phil Gates took 3rd in the 400 meter relay. With Paul White replacing Gates, the same group placed second in the mile relay.

Moving off the track and onto the field, the 'Cats' were able to post more first places. Charlie White threw the shot put 47' 5 1/4" to win 1st. Also showing in field events was Keith Moore with first place honors in the javelin and

discus. Clearing 6'6", Tim DeClue took 2nd in the high jump.

The triple jump competition saw Northwest's Myron Bartlett, Richard Berry and Greg Brooks leap to 2nd, 3rd and 4th, respectively.

Kevin Peterson won 3rd place in the pole vault reaching 13' 6".

Although disappointed in his team's first outdoor performance, Flanagan said, "We have the people and potential to do good."

Making the change from running inside to the colder outside weather also doesn't cause Flanagan concern. "If a little cold and rain is going to hurt them, then we'll kill them."

Men's tennis team compiles 5-3 record

By Susan Patterson

The Northwest Missouri State University Bearcat tennis team has started out its 1982 season with a 5-3 match record thus far.

The eight man team, under head coach John Byrd, began the season with a 9-0 win over Graceland on March 4.

"They're one of the weaker teams we'll play," Byrd said. "It was a good match to start the season with."

Over spring break, the team travelled to Mexico City, Mexico, to play the University of Mexico in a tournament. The 'Cats lost the first day, 2-7, but came back and won the next two days with a 5-4 final and a 6-3 victory.

"It was a tournament, but a couple of teams didn't show up," Byrd said. "It was kind of unorganized."

The 'Cats' other two losses have come from Iowa State, 0-9, and Northeast Missouri State University, 4-5.

"Iowa State was the poorest match we've played all year," Byrd said. "We should have won a couple of matches. When we play them at Ames, we're hoping to do better."

The team beat Kearney State 6-3, and Creighton 8-1, in Omaha last Friday. Against Kearney State, Northwest won at the top four singles positions and at the first two doubles spots. Against Creighton, Northwest won everything except the third doubles.

"We're better than we were last year, there's no doubt about that," Byrd said. "We continue to show improvement. By the time that school's out, we hope to be a real contender in the conference."

Of the eight men on the team, only three are returning players.

"It's nice to have four freshmen," Byrd said. "I feel like we have the basis for a real nice squad next year."

Dave Deloach, senior from St. Louis, said, "The team looks better than it has

in the last five years. I think it's between Northeast and us at conference."

Ron VonDielegen, junior, from Red Oak, Iowa, said, "We have a tougher schedule this year because we have a better team. We expect to have a good team this year."

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It's that season!

Deb Cleveland pitches a fast one during the 'Kittens' season opener against Tarkio College. The 'Kittens' came away with their first two victories, 7-1 and 6-1. [Missourian Photo/Nic Carlson]

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NCAA technicality may cost 'Cats a game

By Jon Misfeldt

There may still be some dispute as to the series record between the Bearcat baseball team and the Kansas State team, but to Coach Jim Johnson, there was no question about who out-classed and out-hustled the other team.

K-State won the first game, 5-4, the other game is still in dispute over an NCAA technicality.

The second game of the double-header is still being disputed. When the 'Cats came home Saturday, they thought they were coming home with a split series. The dispute is over when darkness, rather than innings, end the game. An article in the NCAA rulebook contains a different text concerning the dispute of the game, which was darkness, than the *Official Rules of Baseball*.

"Every team we've played we've out-hustled and out-classed as a team this year, including K-State," said Johnson, who is at his first year as NWMSU baseball coach.

In the first game, it looked as though Northwest had things well in hand. The 'Cats had a 4-1 lead at the end of four and a half innings, and pitching ace Dale Kisker on the mound.

But KSU came back with three runs

in the seventh to send the game into extra innings. Guy Gardner came in the eighth inning after Northwest failed to score in their half of the inning. Gardner walked Joe Goedert, and Gary Colbert sacrificed him to second. Then Glynn Perry became the game hero when he lashed a RBI single to win the game for KSU.

Kisker took the loss for the Bearcats. The 'Cats looked as though they had the second game in control as well, when, in the sixth inning, Northwest first baseman Paul England broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run triple, then scored to give the Northwest team a 5-2 lead. Tom Funk, the 'Cats' number two pitcher, started to tire and KSU scored two more in their half of the sixth to make it 5-4.

Then the dispute came. After Northwest failed to score in the top of the seventh, K-State scored a run when Northwest shortstop Brian Quinn lost the ball in the darkness and the runner crossed the plate. The umpire called the game on account of darkness, which would end the game with the last complete inning, the sixth. But a rule in the NCAA official rule book may change the decision.

If the win stands, Tom Funk (1-1) would get the win and Greg Garrison would get his first save.

"The umpires' calls were very questionable," Johnson said. "The only time we had light was when the scoreboard would light up."

K-State, a Big-Eight university, has played 14 games outside prior to ours, and that makes a big difference when you look at the fact that we've only practiced sparsely outside."

But Johnson and assistant coach Bob Lord still had a lot of praise for the team.

"We've been playing real good ball, but we just can't seem to keep the lead," Johnson said. "But you've got to credit our competition for some of that."

"Chuck Lynn played a super game behind the plate for us against K-State," Lord said. "There were many instances when they had men on third and Chuck would block a ball that was in the dirt to save a run."

Lynn also had two RBI's in the double-header.

Lord also commented on the 'Cats' pitching, which has allowed 51 walks in 11 games.

"It's a lot different pitching inside than outside and we haven't been outside very often. There are a lot of weather conditions that you don't deal with in-

side. It makes a big difference," said Lord, who is in his first year as assistant.

Coach Johnson plans on dealing with the fact of giving up all the walks.

"We'll be working a lot harder on our spot pitching now," Johnson said.

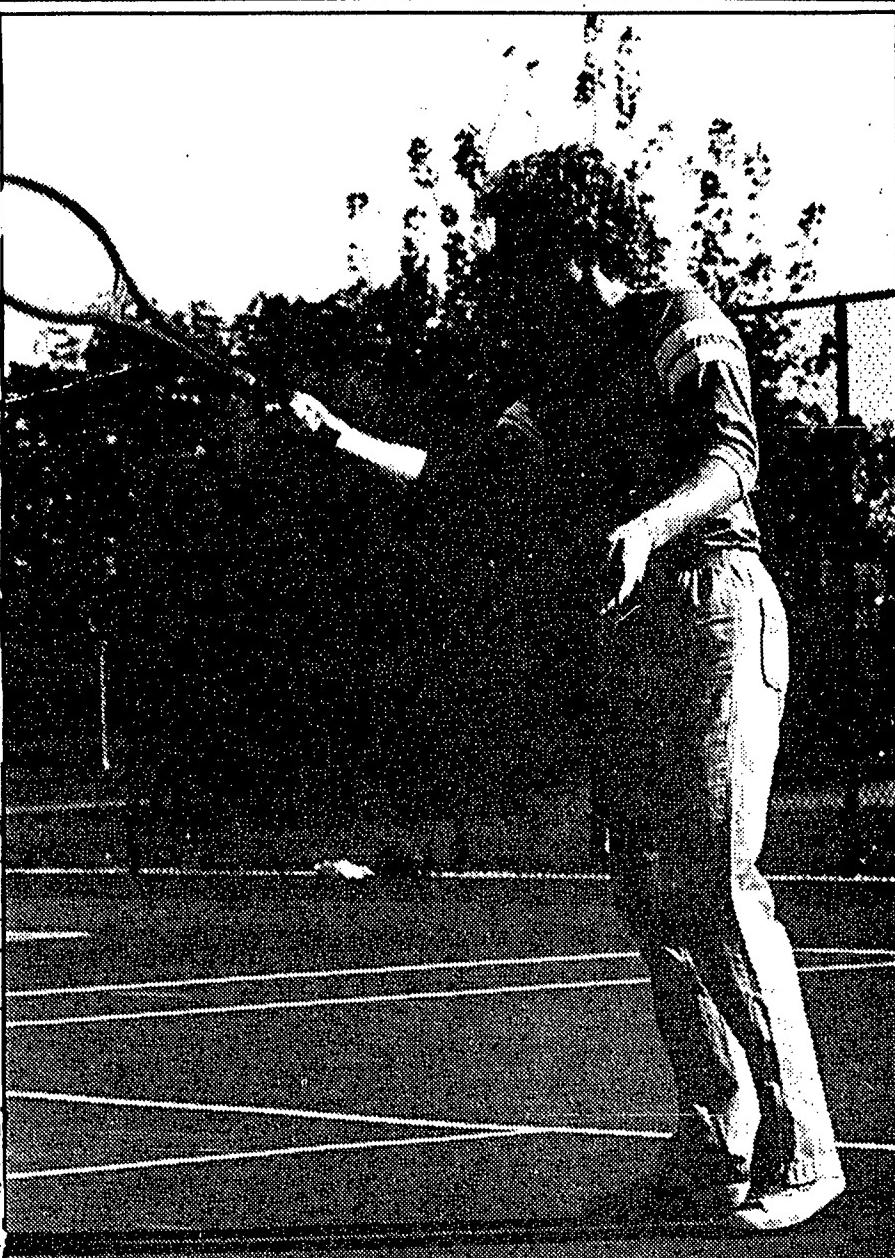
The next game is scheduled for Saturday.

The Northwest Missouri State men's baseball traveled to Liberty Tuesday to face host team William Jewell in a double-header, and came home with a sweep of both, winning the first game 8-5 in eight innings, the second by a 10-4 margin.

The Bearcats showed a powerful hitting attack all day, cracking 23 hits for 18 total runs. Steve Phillips had a spectacular day at the plate, going three for four in the first game and three for three in the nightcap. Chuck Lynn also got three hits at three trips to the plate in the second game, and Ron Ballard and Scott Ewert added two hits, respectively.

The 'Cats will be playing at home on the 25th against Wisconsin-Superior, then travel to Kirksville for a conference double-header against Central Missouri.

The Missourian apologizes for any inconvenience Coach Johnson has suffered from last week's quotes.



Dave DeLoach returns a volley to a teammate in practice. This year's Bearcat tennis team looks better than ever. [Missourian Photo/Randy VanderLeest]

'Kittens' tennis is victorious

By John Howell

The women's tennis team competed last week at Graceland College in a meet and were victorious 8-1.

In the no. 1 singles match, Angie Mitchell was defeated 3-6, 6-3 and 3-6. In the no. 1 doubles match however, the team of Mitchell and Mary Jane Dennis won 5-7, 6-3 and 6-3. "We had to play inside the gym under spotlights, and the courts were in terrible shape," said Mitchell.

"The team played very well under those circumstances," said coach Pam Stanek.

The Bearkittens have a dual meet this weekend in St. Louis with a match against the University of Missouri at St. Louis Friday and William Woods Saturday. "Hopefully, we can play outside where there isn't quite such a homecourt advantage," said Stanek. "If we play inside, it's hard to adjust to the different surfaces."

"We should do well this weekend everyone has been practicing hard and we should be ready," said Mitchell.

Soccer club for men and women

By Deb Cowden

This year is the first year for both men and women to have their own soccer club.

When the club was first formed, it was mainly composed of men and a few women.

"This is the start of the second year of women's participation in the soccer club," said Lauri Roland, captain of the women's club.

Roland said, last fall, three or four girls played co-ed soccer with the men.

"Last spring there was a larger turnout of women," Roland said.

Thirteen girls showed up at that first meeting, and it was decided to begin a women's soccer club.

Dr. Gus Wagner, adviser and coach of both clubs, said that the men's club has 20 members in his club.

Roland said the soccer club practices one-and-one-half hours to two hours daily four days each week.

"About one month is spent on informal practicing in the spring," said Wagner. "We play in the spring to keep active."

Roland said that the captains of both teams, herself and Mark Maloottki, plan the practice sessions along with Wagner.

"Since the experience level in the

midwest isn't high, practices consist of conditioning and learning the basic skills of the game."

"No experience in soccer is necessary to join the club, because everyone is taught along the way," said Roland.

"Practice sessions progress as fast as the group allows."

"When people join the club, we have to teach the basics over, but most people learn quickly," Roland said.

In the past, practice sessions were held with both groups working together on conditioning and then each club practicing individually.

"Since the fall is the regular soccer season, each club will practice three days out of the week with the men and women alternating practices on various days of the week," said Wagner.

Roland said, "Soccer is not really a hard game. The basic skills are easy, but it's hard to incorporate all of the skills when someone's running at you."

Both clubs compete in games with

other schools, which are usually scheduled on weekends. Some of the teams they will compete against are the University of Missouri, the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Creighton.

Roland feels that winning games against varsity teams isn't as important as progress and improvement.

"We have improved tremendously," Roland said. "We may not win, but we have fun trying."

Wagner also feels that both teams have improved.

"We are evolving every season. We've built a foundation and expanded on it," Wagner said.

"I enjoy working with the students," Wagner said. "They are learning about cooperation, sharing and responsibilities."

"Everyone is very enthusiastic and eager to learn," Roland said. "Most of our members play the game because they enjoy it."

In May, the soccer clubs will sponsor a soccer camp for the youth in Maryville and surrounding areas.

"The camp will consist of two sessions where the students will be taught the various skills of the game," Roland said.

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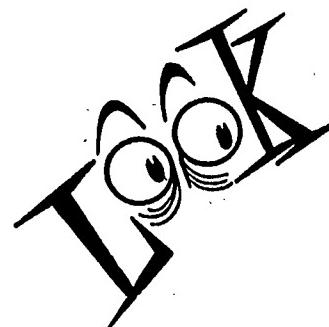
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Ambulance service provides assistance

The paramedics and emergency medical technicians who work at the Nodaway County Ambulance Service all have one thing in common...a desire to help others in need.

"The patient is the most important thing in the world," said Wally Anderson, paramedic/coordinator for Nodaway County.

The ambulance service employs four paramedics and five EMT's. Each paramedic is paired with an EMT.

The service's territory covers all of Nodaway County, the second largest county in Missouri with an area of 880 square miles.

"One of the problems here is locating the patient," Anderson said. "The dispatcher tries to get directions and we always get a call-back to get the directions or tell the people what to do."

"People in this area are fortunate to have an advanced life support service," Anderson said. "I sometimes wonder if people realize what they have got."

"We're prepared for mass casualty situations," Anderson said. "We're prepared as good, if not better, as any ambulance service in this area."

A paramedic must complete 500 hours of classes and clinical training before taking the state certification examination for a license. EMT's are required to have 91 hours of classes and training and must also pass a state board test. Both the EMT and paramedic must retake the state examination every three years and renew their licenses.

The closest paramedic training is at the St. Joseph Hospital in St. Joseph. They offer one class a year and have a limit to the number of people in it. Cathy Walton, a Nodaway County EMT and former Northwest Missouri State University student, is currently taking this paramedic course.

"The more you learn, the more you want to learn," Walton said.

One of the problems facing the members of an emergency medical team is stress, Anderson said.

Walton said, "It's sort of a young person's field. The stress goes from nothing to intolerable in a matter of minutes."

Tom Spire, paramedic, said, "If you go on a call that bothers you, talk it out. Never quit. You've got to accept it."

"There have been times when I didn't want to go back," Walton said. "After my first code I grabbed a friend. It helps if you can talk about it. There's a lot of joking too. It's a way to handle the stress."

The work schedule is a rotation of three days on and three off, and two days on, two off. The squads are also on call the 12 hours before they report to work and can't be more than five minutes away from the ambulance barn.

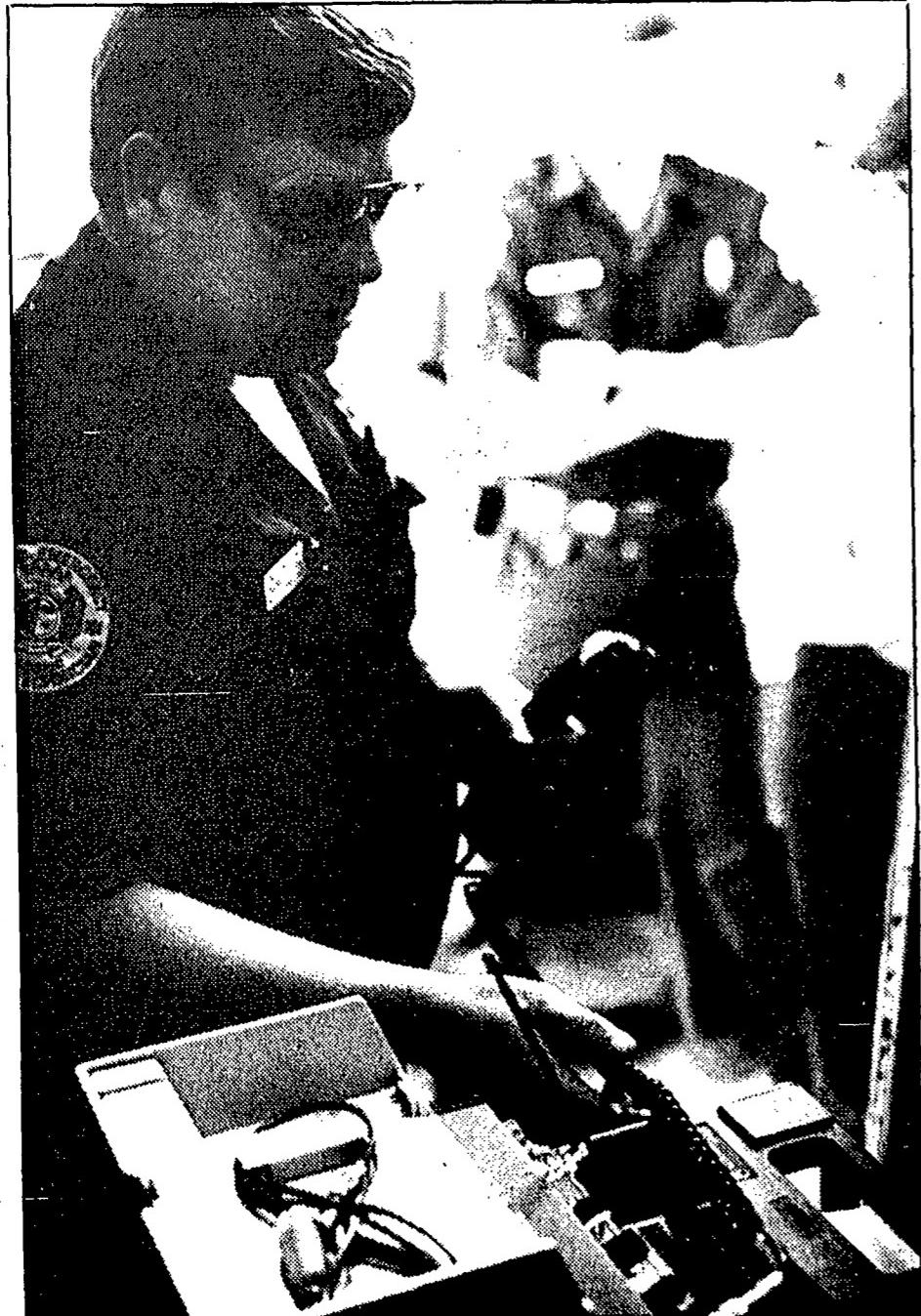
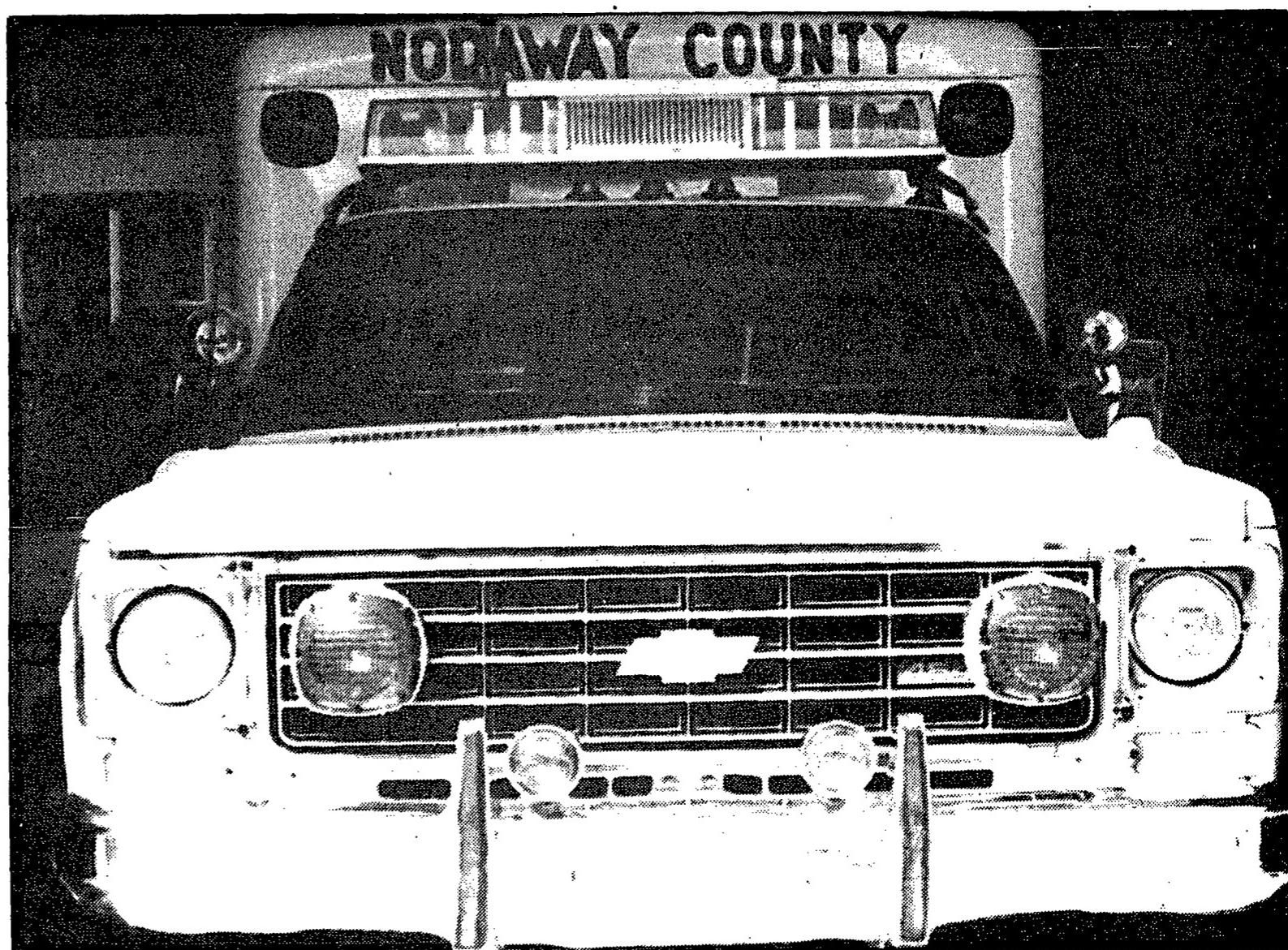
Walton said, "In case of a serious problem we call the backup crew. We have to be able to work together and do what has to be done."

"Our team works well as a whole," Anderson said. "Professional people have egos and every once in awhile egos get stepped on. We have to be adult enough to handle it."

Several of the paramedics and EMT's teach the EMT class that Northwest offers. In this class, students learn CPR and the basic life support procedures needed to pass the state examination and be licensed as an EMT.

Over half of the employees with the Nodaway County ambulance service received their EMT training through Northwest Missouri State University.

"We do get the opportunities around here to use our training to the fullest," Anderson said. "I've seen employees crawl through and over anything to get to a patient. When the time comes, each one gives 110 percent."



Top: Randy Bever, EMT, drives the ambulance during his shift. Middle: A Nodaway County ambulance, located at the ambulance barn behind St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, is an essential. Bottom: Bev, Bill Florea, EMTs and Tom Spire, paramedic, demonstrate some emergency splinting techniques on Scott Wedlock. Left: Wally Anderson, paramedic /coordinator, demonstrates how to use a communication device in the field.

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